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Attached is an Examiner's Amendment correcting an issue with Claim 24 dependent upon a cancelled claim (Claim 23). Upon a conversation with Peter McGee, authorization was given to the Examiner to change the claim to depend upon Claim 22 (which contains the limitations of previously cancelled Claim 23, from the Examiner's amendment on July 26, 2005).


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Peter McGee on December 22, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 24, line 1, replace "The method of claim 23" with --The method of claim 22--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Yam whose telephone number is (571)272-2449. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571)272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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